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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 49-54, 61 and 63-64. Please amend withdrawn claim 62. This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the applications:

1-26 (Canceled)

27-48 (Canceled)

49-54. (Canceled)

55. (Previously Presented): An isolated antibody, or portion thereof, that specifically binds to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- a) the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8; and
- b) the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO:7 or 9.

56. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 55, wherein said antibody is selected from the group consisting of:

- i) a monoclonal antibody;
- ii) a polyclonal antibody;
- iii) a humanized antibody;
- iv) a chimeric antibody; and
- v) a murine antibody.

57. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 55, wherein said portion is a F(ab) fragment or a F(ab')₂ fragment.

58. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 55, wherein said antibody binds to amino acid residues 5-164 of SEQ ID NO:8.

59. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 55, wherein said antibody is detectably labeled.

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60. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 59, wherein the detectable label is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) enzymes;
- b) prosthetic groups;
- c) fluorescent materials;
- d) luminescent materials;
- e) bioluminescent materials; and
- f) radioactive materials.

61. (Canceled)

62. (Withdrawn): A method for detecting the presence of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- a) the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8; and
- b) the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO:7 or 9; and
- ~~c) the polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence contained in the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession number 203309~~

in a sample comprising:

- i) contacting the sample with an antibody of claim 55 which selectively binds to the polypeptide; and
- ii) determining whether the antibody binds to the polypeptide in the sample to thereby detect the presence of the polypeptide in the sample.

63-64. (Canceled)

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